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Honorable Harold Shapiro Administrative Regulations Criminal Division Department of Justice

Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Shapiro:

The trial of the State of Tennessee vs. James Earl Ray, who is accused of slaying Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is set for Novemper 12, 1968. One of the material witnesses for the State of Tennssee in this trial will be

Portugal. Mrs. MANUELA TELXELAA LOPES, C/O

It is respectfully requested that your office request that an nvitation be extended to through the United States Departent of State to the Canadian Foreign Office, to attend as a witness or the State of Tennessee, the trial of the State vs. James Earl Ray.

If permission is granted to allow to visit the United tates, the State of Tennessee will pay her expenses as follows: LISBOW

Payment for transportation from Portugal to the Point of Entry into the United States; then ten cents (104) a mile from the Point of Entry into the United States to Memphis, Tennessee; plus five dollars (\$5.00) a lay every day she is in attendance as a witness; the State of Tennessee will pay the witness ten certs (10¢) a mile from Memohis to the Point of Exit from the United States and then her transportation from the Point of Exit of the United States to LISBOU

I wish further to inform you that the said witness' lodging and sals during her stay here in Memphis, Tennessee will be paid for by le State of Tennessee.

When this office is notified to the effect that permission is anted and the witness is available to come to Memphis, Tennessee, I Il arrange to have the funds forwarded to her to purchase a round ip ticket, tourist class, plus an incidental expense fund, in order enable the witness to make said airline trip. This amount advanced .11 then be deducted from the total amount due the witness upon her ing paid her additional witness' fees here in Memphis.